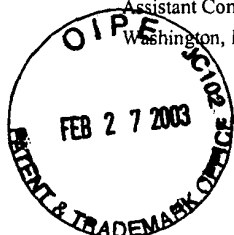


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Sir:

This Amendment and Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted in response to the Advisory Action mailed November 7, 2002. According to the Advisory Action, a Notice of Appeal was filed on December 29, 2002. Therefore, a Petition for a two-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before February 28, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-5, 10 and 11-12 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of increasing the efficiency of transfection of cycling cells sensitive to the effects of high energy electromagnetic radiation, comprising:
synchronizing at least 30% of said cells at a first stage of the cell cycle by contacting said cells with high energy electromagnetic radiation, and